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LITTLE LOCALS

The grip is still on the warpath. See statement of First National bank.

Dr. G. S. Smith, of Santa Maria, is in town.

Mr. Jose Longoria, from Santa Maria, is in town.

Collector R. B. Rentfro went to Point Isabel this morning.

The grip has gotten a hold on the family of Mr. Joe Celaya.

Mr. Geo. Bruley, proprietor of the Rio Grande plantation, spent the day in the city.

The steamboat Bessie left Rio Grande City, for Brownsville at daylight this morning.

The connecting train with steam ship Morgan at Point Isabel left at 9 o'clock this morning.

There was between six and ten thousand Mexican dollars shipped today to New York City.

There are a great many strangers from the interior of Mexico to be seen on the streets of Matamoras at present.

Mr. Louis Kowalski went to the Point this morning to see his friend, Mr. Geo. Snider, off on the steam ship Morgan.

The Christmas exercises of the public school will be held at the public school building Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Lieut. Chatfield has opened an office in the furniture store of Mr. Scott. Office hours from 10 to 12 a. m., and from 2 to 4 p. m.

The Christmas festivities will commence tonight with a Christmas tree and exercises at the Presbyterian church, beginning promptly at half past six.

A Suggestion: A year's subscription to THE HERALD would make a nice Christmas gift for your friends, or for your family. It would serve six times a week to remind them of the kindness of the donor.

Daniel Baitureira, one the customs guards at the river, last night caught a woman, Jenoveva Chapa, in the act of smuggling some cashmere goods and ladies' fine shawls. She was relieved of her bundles by the guard.

Mrs. W. H. Mason left today for her old home, Jefferson, Texas, where she goes to spend the holidays with her parents. She is accompanied by her four younger sons. They will return the latter part of January.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the public school building tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are invited to attend, and we feel sure that if you go you will enjoy the sweet singing and laughable recitations and dialogues. Seats will be provided for one hundred visitors.

AT RANDON.

More Stray Leaves From the Reporter's Note Book.

The beautiful rainbow which displayed in the west yesterday afternoon seemed a real "bow of promise," assuring clear weather to day. But all signs fail in Texas. We awoke this morning to hear drops gently patter on the roof. It is said, by the way, that a rainbow is a rare occurrence here.

Chrysanthemums are all the rage this winter. And that reminds us, by the way, of the joke of the season. No doubt, you have heard it—about the lady who wouldn't say "chrysanthemum." No? Why, she said "chrysanthemadame."

Last evening as a party of friends were discussing the young lawyer's dream which was in yesterday's HERALD, a lady present remarked that she had experienced a dream that was almost indistinguishably the same, a short time since. Rather strange coincidence, wasn't it?

What to select as a Christmas gift for a male friend is the all perplexing question which is now being discussed by the fair sex. As a pointer, we will mention some things that it would be wise not to give. Don't send a handsome brush to a baldheaded man, nor a shaving set to a man who wears a full beard. If your friend has a crooked nose and a squint, don't present him a hand mirror. And aside, let us whisper to our fair friends, if you send one of those bewildering beautiful, but indescribable things which are so called mon choir cases and sometimes not, don't forget to name the article in your dainty little note. Otherwise you may be shaken by having it called a "thingumbob," beside causing the unhappy recipient to suffer an agony of doubt as to what the thing really should be called.

Mr. Geo. Snider left this morning for Point Isabel, where he takes the steamer Morgan, en route to his home in Kansas City. Mr. Snider is the junior member of the firm of Force & Snider, contractors, Kansas City. This firm was awarded the contract for the building of our handsome and substantial federal building, which was recently completed and has been accepted by the government. Mr. Snider remained in Brownsville during the entire construction of the building, which occupied about about one year and a half. During his stay here he has become well acquainted with our people and has made many warm friends among them, who will regret his departure. We hope that this will not be his last visit to the beautiful little city of Brownsville. THE HERALD joins his many other friends in wishing him a safe trip and a merry Christmas.

The house of a poor Mexican woman was robbed in this city yesterday while she was absent from home. Upon returning home she found that someone had entered her house and stolen all of her blankets and some other articles, beside a small amount of cash, and a lot of *perfilado* belonging to her niece. A man was seen by someone to enter the house, during her absence, and from the description given he is supposed to have been the woman's husband.

Mike Leahy serves all kinds of mixed drinks.

THE CITY MARKET.

The Prices of Various Articles Sold at That Place.

Below we give prices of various articles on sale daily in the Brownsville City Market. The articles mentioned are all home products raised by the people of the surrounding country. The prices given are in Mexican coin, which at the present time is very low, one dollar in Mexican coin being worth about 65 cents in currency. Prices are authoritative.

VEGETABLES.

Carrots, 4 cents per pound.
Beets, 2½ cents per pound.
Cabbage, 5 to 15 cents per head.
Raddishes, 1 cent per dozen.
Fresh tomatoes, 75 cent per bucket.
Lettuce, 12 cents per dozen heads.
Okra, 62 cents per bucket.
Snap beans, 62 cents per bucket.
Turnips, 1¼ cents per pound.
Pumpkins, 1 cent per pound.
Green peppers, 12 cents per dozen.
Farsley, 3 cents per bunch.
Sweet potatoes, (new) 3 cents a pound.
Peas, 75 cents a bucket.
Butter beans, 37 cents per bucket.
Squash, 25 cents per dozen.
Egg plant, 25 cents per dozen.

FRUITS.

Bananas, 25 cents a dozen.
Lemons (small) 25 cents a dozen.
Sugar cane, \$1.50 per 100 stalks.
Eggs, 25 cents a dozen.
Butter, (country) 50 cents per pound.
" " (Western) 55 cents per pound.
Cheese (Mexican) 8 cents per pound.
" " (American) 25 cents per pound.

MEATS.

Rough cuts, 4 cents per pound.
Beef roast, 7 cents per pound.
Beef round steak, 6 cents per pound.
Beef sirloin steak, 7 cents per pound.
Beef porterhouse, steak 7 cents a pound.
Beef tenderloin, steak 8 cents per pound.
Pork, roast, 10 cents per pound.
Pork chops, 10 cents per pound.
Mutton, 8 cents per pound.
Hog's head cheese, 12 cents a pound.
Tripe, 12 cents a pound.
Pork sausage, 18 cents a pound.
Fresh leaf lard, 12 cents per pound.
Beef tongue, 18 to 25 cents each.
Calf tongue, 12 cents each.
Liver, 6 cents a pound.

FISH.

Trout, 5 cents a pound.
Cat fish, 3 cents a pound.
Sheephead 5 cents a pound.
Crabs 12 cents per dozen.
Oysters \$1.00 per hundred.

GAME.

Venison, 5 cents per pound.
Chicken (live) 25 cents each.
Duck wild, 6 to 8 cents each.
Geese (wild) 12 cents each.
Jack snipe 75 cents per dozen.
Small birds, 12 cents per dozen.
Papabots, 75 cents per dozen.

Where They Are.

The following telegram to Capt J. B. Johnson, commanding officer of this post, from Maj. Keyes, commanding officer at Fort Ringgold was received this morning:

To Commanding Officer,
Fort Brown.

Fort Ringgold, Dec. 21.—No news. The troops at last accounts were: one at Los Angeles and one at Realitos, stations on the Mexican National railroad; three at Carrizo, on the river. C. troops went north west from here on the fourteenth. Have not heard from them since.
(Signed) MAJ. KEYES.
Commanding Officer.

A Quadrille Party.

Special.
Fort Ringgold, Dec. 22.—It rained here all night and today it is still raining.

There is no news from our army in the field. As nearly all of our "social" are on a pleasant trip in the field, and the few left inclined to keep up the name, are now decorating the church for a quadrille party tonight.

Barreda has such nice deviled crabs—with shells.

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